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SUBJECT: ARMUG-1 Operation 24
Urgeing in Guatemala of

1. The briefing was held in a small luxuriously appointed conference room, on the afternoon of Friday 9 October 1964, lasting about 2½ hours.

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attended for the Quater-
present. 03, 03, 16-2

2. At the request of the [C.E., Paul [red]) I prefaced the operational briefing with a brief description of how the U. S. Intelligence community operates, of the role of CIA, of the need for compartmentation and security, and specifically of how the foregoing considerations make it imperative for the Guatemalan²⁴ to adopt security precautions which will ensure that the information we provide and the [Joint operations]²⁴ we undertake are compartmented within the Guatemalan government (and, in fact, discussed by the Guatemalan government exclusively with our representatives in the field).²⁴

3. Following the introductory remarks outlined above, I briefed the group on the DCI structure, the DCI operational techniques, and specifically on DCI aims and operations in Guatemala. The [redacted] lent close attention throughout the briefing and examined the exhibits closely, including the DCI intelligence requirements for Guatemala 24 and the

4. After the foregoing exposition, I explained our aims in exploiting the information with regard to the aspect [] control [] In this connection I asked for close cooperation and coordination of activities, promising that we shall do our utmost and making reference to our travel lists and watch list.]

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3. With reference [to the] case, because
of the developments and plans in [redacted] because
briefly the status of the [redacted] and the possibility
[of his being transferred to Guatemala] (This was in line
with the discussions [redacted] which included our chief 27
of station [the] [redacted] and the [redacted] 306
advisor, Colonel [redacted]. I asked that the Guatemalan 24
government take no action unless requested by [redacted]
[redacted] or Colonel [redacted] and said that, if [redacted] 24
is transferred, one of our people probably would talk to
[redacted] in Guatemala). 24

6. The [redacted] made a rather
impassioned speech in which he covered the following points:

- a. His own long experience in the CIA, in Cuba
and in Central America;
- b. His early warnings about Castro--which
were disregarded; 24
- c. The extent to which Guatemala has lived up
to its obligations in the OAS; to which it has
24 cooperated in efforts against Castro and to
which it has looked toward U. S. leadership;
- d. The failure of the U. S. to take aggressive
action against Cuba and the need for taking a
hard line, including the use of force in support of
military activity by the free Cubans and the other
American countries;
- e. His appreciation that the Soviets will not be
willing to risk a nuclear war over Cuba;
- f. Condemnation of Mexico for her dealings with
Cuba, for failure to abide by her obligations in
the OAS, and for permitting the Castroites to
operate out of Mexico against other American
countries;
- g. The need for action against Mexico;

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- h. The effectiveness of his own actions against guerrillas [in Guatemala] and his determination to "meet violence with violence;"
- i. Recognition of the importance of the information covered in the briefings, and of its exploitation;
- j. Reference to the case of the [redacted] working for Cuban intelligence and now detained 24 in Guatemala [redacted]
- k. Acceptance of security restrictions and his decision to hold the information to those present.

7. In replying to the remarks of [redacted]

I said that we appreciate the cooperation of Guatemala in the 24 OAS and that we shall be most interested in the exploitation of the possibilities in the present case. I added that the matter of using force against Cuba is a policy matter on which I was not competent to comment but that the decisions made by the United States Government are based on careful study of detailed information including information on Soviet intentions and capabilities.

8. At the conclusion of the meeting, [redacted] asked for a copy of the USI requirements (which he already had gone over closely) and took the copy with him to study further.

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